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BARBOUR
APPLAUDS DOLE
APPEAL TO BLACKS

Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour lauded Bob Dole and Jack Kemp's participation in the National Association of Black Journalists Convention last Friday.

"My party and I have a unique opportunity to renew a two-part contest for the hearts and minds of the African-American community," Dole said. "We will only find support in the black community if we must have the courtesy to ask for it. We are going to ask for every single vote in America. We are going to earn it."

"Dole is 100 percent right. For too long, Democrats have taken African-Americans' votes for granted, and Republicans have failed to ask for them," Barbour said. "We encourage all Republican candidates to reach out to advocate our positions on the issues, and ask African-Americans who agree with us for their support."

According to Barbour, the record shows that when Republicans make their case, ask African-Americans for their votes, they significantly increased support in the African-American community. He explained that a large percentage of African-American voters agree with the agenda of a smaller, smarter government, lower taxes, welfare reform, a real war on drugs and school choice.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN
FESTIVAL SET FOR
SEPTEMBER 14

HOLMDEL—The ninth annual Festival of the Arts and Heritage of African Americans will be held on Saturday, September 14, at the Garden State Arts Center.

The festival is a full-day program, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a Plaza Show featuring local and recording artists, youth games, storytelling, art exhibits, state-wide community honors, scholarship awards, and a Gospel Choir Hour to make it a truly African-American family experience.

There will be three 30-footby 100-foot tents, over 100 non-footby tents, and as far away as Virginia, and over 30 food vendors.

The committee is composed of all volunteers and new members are welcomed. The Garden State Arts Center was recently renamed the PNC Bank Arts Center and is located in Holmdel, at Exit 16 on the Garden State Parkway.

Ticket prices are: ad. \$6 (in advance) and \$8 (at the gate); child (12 years old) \$3; under 8 years old free. Advance tickets can be ordered by calling 908-233-1799 or 609-924-8965.

U.S. DENIES LIBYAN
FUNDS TO
FARRAKHAN

The United States government denied Nation of Islam leader Rev. Louis Farrakhan permission last Wednesday to accept \$1 billion from Libya's president Muammar Gaddafi.

Farrakhan left for Libya last week to receive a \$250,000 honorarium from Gaddafi, which was also banned by the federal government.

Farrakhan had to request license from the Treasury Department to receive the money because U.S. sanctions against Libya have barred all financial transactions between the two nations since 1986.

Federal government officials said the main reason for U.S. sanctions against Libya is a supporter of terrorism.

The day before Farrakhan's permission was denied, he told the media, "I will go across the nation stirring up not only my people but all those who would benefit from it."

Farrakhan said the money was going to be used to help black people and the poor economically and politically in the wake of welfare reform and threats of affirmative action abolishment.

CITIZENS

Citizens charge state, East Orange with racketeering

by Sandra Wright

The East Orange Taxpayers and Citizens Coalition and the East Orange Neighborhood Improvement Group have filed a complaint charging seven counts of failure to comply with budgeting laws, against the city of East Orange, East Orange Water Commission, East Orange Tax Assessor, Harry Ross, the Local Finance Board, State Department of Community Affairs and the State of New Jersey.

According to the complaint, filed in the Superior Court on August 19, the mayor of East Orange and the State of New Jersey may have violated the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) Act by allowing the city to operate for the last three years without bonding, while bonding through the money to cover debt. The excessive bonding has amassed into a deficit of \$2.2 million in 1993-94 and \$19.1 million in 1994-95—leaving the city in a \$21.3 million debt.

Attorney for the plaintiffs, Eldridge Hawkins, noted that the New Jersey and the city of East Orange governments have engaged in racketeering, as described by the RICO Act (the engaging by entities in something that the state law has deemed unlawful). In this case the unlawful act was violation of Title 52, the tax law.

"The city and municipal authority has a duty to reevaluate priorities and give a true evaluation for purposes of taxation," stated Hawkins. However, the city of East Orange has not done that, and the state has allowed them to not do so, and this is a violation of the tax law."

Hawkins noted that the city probably has the highest tax rate in Essex County—19.7 percent. "Persons on fixed income, not having money to pay these large property taxes, are losing their homes," he added.

The complaint further noted that: "The city of East Orange and other defendants, failed to pay the East Orange Board of Education payments for a school tax levy. In the 1994-'95 year the city owed, and still owes \$4.94 million to the Board of Education and \$12 million is still owed by the city."

owed for the 1995-'96 year. "The city has failed to inventory assets regulated by local Finance Board directive #2. This failure has an impact in the city's capacity to bond and prepare its budget."

"Less than 70 percent of the total amount of taxes levied for all purposes upon properties in the city's taxing district were collected during the year of levy."

Roger Jones, president of Jones and Associates, a Jersey City-based marketing and PR firm did an evaluation of East Orange to look at the issues facing the city. Jones said his firm discovered that as a result of bonding that had taken place in the sum of \$150 million, with the population size and the number of people who were actually taxpayers, it would be virtually impossible for the city to recuperate from that debt without continually raising taxes.

Jones added that because there is no major small business base and no industrial base, it is a result of high taxes and crime. (E.O. is 10th in the nation in crime)—the city is losing its middle class taxpayers base.

"A lot of bonding was taking place even though they had not had a bond rating. They were not able to acquire bonds on their own credit. It hurt the county and when that was exhausted, they bonded through the state."

Jones noted that instead of the state requiring that the city get a sound financial management position to be able to acquire its own bond rate, the state continued to allow East Orange to bond.

"Because the tax base was down, taxes were so high that they sometimes exceeded mortgages," Jones added. He noted that the city's first line of defense in bonding is that the taxpayers are the first in line responsible for the debt. He added that the city created bonds for police cars, municipal bonds for city improvements, which were not carried but the taxpayers are the first in line responsible for the debt.

Daisy Briggs, president of the Taxpayers and Citizens Coalition and the person who filed the lawsuit stated,

"Too many of our seniors or middle class are leaving the city or losing their homes, and the rest of us are left to bear the burden. They are losing what everyone wants—the American dream. And now there is no one to help them."

Briggs said the major concern is human suffering in the city, a spiraling tax rate, decrease of services, and no accountability on the part of the mayor or council. Briggs added that the city's property taxes were raised three times in one year.

As an example of the high increase, Briggs stated that in 1995, she paid \$6,500 in property taxes. At the end of this year she will pay \$8,000. "That is a \$1,500 increase in one year." In her opinion the state is just as responsible as the city. "If this was not a predominantly black neighborhood this would not be allowed to take place. It would not happen in Summit," Briggs added.

Eighty-two-year-old Patie Harris owns a two-family home at 183 Hollywood Ave. and reported that this year she will be paying \$800 more in property taxes than she did last year.

Harris, who has been a widow since 1947, lives on an income of less than \$500 per month which she receives from her husband's social security benefits. "I have to pay other bills and the money that I receive from the tenants barely cover the expenses."

According to Jones, this lawsuit was filed because the citizens of East Orange constantly requested that the state come in and take an audit, however, the state refused, stating that the "city had elected the officials and it was the citizens' responsibility to pay the bills." So their reaction was to file suit and acquire \$500,000 signature that they will be sending out to the governor.

The Attorney General's office was contacted for comments, but according to press aide, E.J. Miranda, they have not received the complaint. Several calls were made to East Orange Council President Mark Scott's office, however, there was no response. Mayor Cooper was attending the Democratic National Convention.

Pro-choice, Pro-life: ministers speak out

by Kelly Howard

well as clergy from the United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ, Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), and Universalist Association endorsed the brochure.

"I am in support of leaving the decision where it belongs, in the hearts of mothers and the fathers who must answer to a just God on the day of judgment," said Reverend Dr. L. Ronald Durham, of 1st Mt Zion Baptist Baptist Church.

The ministers involved in the project believe that every woman must be free to make decisions about when to have children, according to her own conscience and religious beliefs.

"Only you can decide which is the right choice for you. God has given us the gift of will and will bless decisions that we make carefully and prayerfully," reads the brochure.

Despite the growing number of ministers who feel that the choice is best left in the hands of the mother, other ministers still feel strongly that abortion is immoral and illegal.

"I strongly feel that abortion should be illegal," said Bishop James W. Parrot, Sr., of Lighthouse Community Services, Inc.

Anti-choice activists have vehemently voiced their opinion on abortion and attempted for decades to outlaw it and has sexuality education programs and family planning funding.

According to the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and the Women of Color Partnership who published the brochure, both groups have attempted "to convince people by being religious and being pro-choice

are incompatible." "Neither government nor activist can appoint themselves god over this issue," said Rev. Durham. "The laws protecting the sanctity of life have already been written, and only God himself will be the final judge."

by Terrence L. Dixon

NEWARK—New Police Director, Joseph Santiago, vowed to lower the city's crime rate and improve the quality of life in 100 days after his reorganization plan.

Six of Newark's more than 900 police officers will be placed on street patrol in 30 of those days. "I'm going to address the quality of life issues. People that hang out on the corners are going to have a problem with Newark police," Santiago explained, saying his program responds to the community's request for better police response time, an around-the-clock visible police presence, and clean street corners.

He also plans to implement a 10 a.m. curfew for the city's youth in the near future.

Six of 24 captains will be transferred to patrol duty so that police performance can be monitored all hours; three captains will be assigned permanently to a trial bond to hear citizens' complaints; and in addition, all new police officers hired will be required to spend their first three years on patrol duty.

There will be 117 less narcotics squads on the street. A smaller narcotics squad

Demonstrators protest cancellation of Board Meeting



Children hold placards denouncing Dr. Hall's reign and telling her to "Go back to New York." Photo by Gerald B. Myers

by Terrence L. Dixon

NEWARK—Protests have continued against State District Superintendent Dr. Beverly Hall's reorganization plan. Her cancellation of the August Advisory Board Meeting sparked a small, but angry, demonstration at the city's Board of Education headquarters last Tuesday.

The protest, sponsored by the Organizations United Against State Takeover, attracted about 50 demonstrators.

"Come on out, Dr. Hall," shouted the crowd. Hall allegedly violated state law when she canceled this month's Advisory Board Meeting. The advisory board was mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education to involve the community in the city's education reorganization plan.

"Anger is a naturally the most important meeting because everyone, especially teachers, come to learn about changes for this upcoming school year," said Antoinette Baskerville, Barringer High School teacher. "It indicates that things are not in order. There are too many unanswered questions and too many incomplete reports." Baskerville added, however, Carol Perry, Chief of Staff for Newark Public Schools, said the meeting was cancelled because, "With the multiplicity of changes, we wanted to be able to direct our attention to opening the schools in September."

She pointed out that schools will open on time and parent involvement will increase.

Peter Peretzman, spokesperson for the State Department of Education, said Dr. Hall did not break any laws by cancelling the meeting. He added that board meetings in school districts across New Jersey are frequently cancelled.

"She lied to us. You say you want us involved then you exclude us," Joann Miller, a concerned parent, stated. Miller said she supported

state take-over at first because former superintendent, Eugene Campbell, was failing the system.

She changed her mind because Dr. Hall promised that changes would take effect gradually and that all changes were going to include input from the community.

Opposition to Dr. Hall's decision to lay off more than 634 school employees, replace 20 principals, and suspend city contracts prevailed throughout the protest. Community leaders felt that she should have involved the community before making any changes.

"Dr. Hall should have sat down with the community and said we have a problem. We need to lay people off and move people around," James Harris of the state NAACP said.

Harris noted that although everyone agreed the district needed improvement, the people who were laid off were hard to do what they were supposed to do.

Newark Councilman George Branch (Central Ward) said, "I hope Dr. Hall can give us some options. People who were laid off are at the bottom of the totem pole. How are they going to feed their children who attend Newark schools?"

Protesters also felt that even though some of Dr. Hall's programs were good, such as her all-day kindergarten for five years, she is falling short of actually improving the district.

"These folks (state district administrators) are doing the same thing. Dr. Hall is riding in a limo everyday. She refuses to meet with people," Harris added.

Harris said Williams, former president of the Board of Education, alleged that Dr. Hall's administration has classified many low-achieving children as special education students so that scores can go up among those who scored higher.

Santiago vows to lower Newark's crime



Loitering could be the thing of the past if Santiago has his way. Photo by Gerald Myers

back the streets of Newark. We are going to take care of the little things and aggressively enforce the laws Newark have.

"Accessibility and accountability go a long way in the war on crime. You can talk about community policing, neighborhood involvement and citizen participation but it has to start at the top, and I'm pleased to see that Director Santiago is responding to the people he serves," Councilman George Branch of the Central Ward said.

Santiago was appointed director after his predecessor, William Celestino, who was noted for lowering the city's crime rate, was indicted on federal tax and corruption charges. Celestino, who has pleaded guilty to three of his charges, will be sentenced on October 17.

Santiago's plan will raise skepticism from community leaders concerning police sensitivity. The director said he knows there are cops who don't need to be on the force. "They will be identified and dealt with accordingly," Santiago claimed citing the suspension of an officer who allegedly made racial slurs.

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PEOPLE

Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER THRU APRIL '97
WAYNE—William Paterson College's Center for Continuing Education presents "Issues and Ideas," a discussion at 7:30 p.m. at the Student Center. For more info call 908-932-2436.

SEPTEMBER 4 THRU 25
NEW BRUNSWICK—Abstract painting by James Yohé will be exhibited in the Visual Arts Gallery of the Civic Square Building 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 908-932-7511.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
CRANFORD—Union County College's soccer team will open its season against Delaware Community College at Northhagen Park at 4 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7092.

FORT MONMOUTH—All-4-One and Planet Soul will perform live in concert at Fort Monmouth Army Base. For more info call 908-532-9697.

SEPTEMBER 6 THRU 8
FORT MONMOUTH—Fort Monmouth presents the 1996 Fort Monmouth Family Fun Fest. For more info call 908-532-9697.

THRU SEPTEMBER 7
NEWARK—The Newark Public Library presents the exhibition "Prints in Series, Prints in Portfolios, Prints for Illustration" at the Main Library. For more info call 733-5642.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
ROSELLE—Union County Child Protection Council will be sponsoring "Day of the Family" at Warinanco Park from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-709-2100 or 908-624-9854.

SOMERSET—DOG Communications continues its expanded seminar series with "Lead, Follow or Move Over: The Keys to Unlocking the Leader in You!"

at the Doubletree Hotel from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-873-2502.

SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8
ATLANTIC CITY—Harry Blackstone, one of the famous names in magic will be at The Sally's Grand Theater. For more info call 1-800-736-1420.

SEPTEMBER 7 AND 21
EDISON—The Thomas Edison Toastmasters International returns to Edison Public Library. For more info call 908-940-2536.

SEPTEMBER 7 THRU 24
WAYNE—William Paterson College presents an Adult Learner Assistance Network. The College Success Series. For more info call 201-596-2950.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
SOUTH ORANGE—The Gallery of South Orange—Outdoors will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the duck pond in Meadowland Park. For more info call 201-378-7754.

LONG BRANCH—The Monmouth County Park System will sponsor its annual Sprint Triathlon at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park at 7:45 a.m. For more info call 908-542-1642.

LINCROFT—Monmouth County Park System will sponsor a bus trip to the Jets/Colts football game at Giants Stadium. For more info call 908-942-4000.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
EAST ORANGE—United Healthcare System will host an informational meeting for local Medicare patients at 1 p.m. For more info call 201-268-8144.

SEPTEMBER 9 THRU DECEMBER
JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer "Using the Internet in Education." For more info call 201-200-3413.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

Newark officials donate over \$11,000 to WalkAmerica



NEWARK—Vesta Godwin, (c) a division director for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation-North Jersey Chapter, accepts check for \$11,809 from Newark Deputy Mayor Ramona Santiago (l) and Newark Police Sergeant Anthony Campos, two of the City of Newark's "Walk America" fundraising team leaders. The funds were raised by municipal employees from the annual walk-a-thon held this year on the Montclair State University campus.



McCauley named Union County employee of the month

ELIZABETH—Instead of getting paid \$8,000 for the 106-plus sick days that he fortunately had not needed to use, James McCauley of Scotch Plains did something few people ever do—he donated his unused sick time to terminally ill Union County employees. That same fillet earned him the title of Union County Employee of the Month for June, a resolution from the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and a Certificate of Appreciation from the County Manager. McCauley, who retired as a Sergeant of Investigators, was a 25-year County employee with the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Are black women meaner today?

Read your responses

PLAINFIELD—In response to an article City News ran by the same title recently (August 28, 1996), we have received a number of responses from both male and female readers.

"Only a black man interested in white women would think that way."

R. H., Ocean Township

"Are women meaner? Basically yes, and with good reason because of the way they have been treated. Men cheating on them and leaving them to raise their children by themselves; and their jobs passing them over time and time again for promotion time and time again, not just by men, but women of other color that are not as qualified. When you put all those things together you would be a lot meaner too." **K. A., Piscataway.**

"Black women aren't mean as a group. While black can be mean in a moment of rage, so can women and men of other races. The idea that women are mean is a double standard that women have had to go through for centuries—he's assertive, she's aggressive. When a woman does something that a man would do it is considered negative. It is a shame that we, as African-American people are continuing to separate ourselves." **K. H., Plainfield.**

"Yes, black women are meaner today. In the workplace, they always seem to have some type of attitude. I don't know whether it is because of family problems—after all it's hard for them, sexual harassment, or just plain evilness." **T. D., Harlem.**

"It's 50-50, e.g. if you say hi to a white woman she will pleasantly respond. Some sisters act like they are all that and most times they don't respond. Often it's dumb people who act that way." **R. S., East Orange.**

"Yes, because I guess they have

to be. Some black men are much more sneaker than they used to be, which has caused black women to keep their guard up at a higher level. It is just unfortunate that a good, decent and honest black man has to go through the female gauntlet or have the appearance that they have money to be appreciated." **E. J., Plainfield.**

"No, I think that black women are taking a more definitive stand in terms of authority and that could be interpreted as being mean."

H. J., Plainfield.

"Meaner in terms of what? Some might be bit more stuck on themselves nowadays. Black women aren't mean, they have an attitude that is stronger and more in touch with what they have to do."

C. J., Plainfield.

"Black women are no meaner than they have ever been, but because of sociological and economic factors have a lot more to deal with, which may create a lot more stress which may manifest itself as anger. But I don't think that there is enough of a causal relationship to say that because there is more stress they are meaner." **J. Rudbeck, Plainfield.**

"Depend on what you define mean as, but I really don't think so. A question you could ask is, are black women any more meaner than women of other races? Mean is a subjective word." **J. J., Springfield.**

"Well, I wouldn't say meaner. Evil? Yes. They are more conscientious of what is going on today, because they know that they have to provide also. It's not like they can lay back and let the man do everything. Black women today are like, 'Yeah I can do it myself. I don't need you for anything.'" **J. R., Plainfield.**

The debate continues next week. Write in and let us know how you feel.

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U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

Thurber named VP public affairs at TESC



TRENTON—John P. Thurber, Jr. of Lawrence, NJ was recently appointed vice president for Public Affairs at Thomas Edison State College. Thurber, who has been with Thomas Edison for more than five years, was formerly the executive director of the Institute for Public Policy. The Institute was recently renamed the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy. Thurber is a magna cum laude graduate of Rutgers Law School and a member of the New Jersey and New York Bars. Thurber is a board member of the Prospect Street Center in Trenton and Rural Development, Inc. He is a member of the Leadership New Jersey Class of 1992, and the recipient of the New Jersey Association of Family Food Centers' Man of the Year award in 1993.

Miss Rhythm takes the Vineyard by storm



MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MA—Among hundreds of Ruth Brown's fans who attended her August book signing at a Martha's Vineyard bookstore, was Julian Robinson (r). Brown's autobiography, *Miss Rhythm*, is presently a hot item in stores throughout the country. The R & B legend also performed at a Vineyard night spot. Brown is the recipient of a Tony Award for best actress in the Broadway musical *Black and Blue*; a Grammy for best jazz album; a NAACP Image Award and numerous gold records. In 1994 she was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

NATION

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National News at a Glance

NCC GETS STRAUSS FOUNDATION GRANT

The National Council of Churches is one of six social justice organizations which will receive a grant from Project Change, the anti-racism initiative of the Levi Strauss Foundation. Totaling approximately \$300,000, the grants were presented at the National Association of Black Journalists annual conference in Nashville, Nashville, TN.

REV. JESSE JACKSON HONORED FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Rev. Jesse Jackson will be honored by the National Association of Minority Automobile Dealers with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Jackson will also be keynote speaker along with Harvey Gantt at the association's annual conference on September 10 at the Washington Court Hotel—WASHINGTON, DC.

NATIONAL POLITICAL CONVENTION SET FOR SEPTEMBER

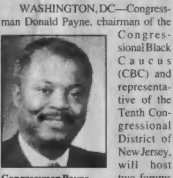
The three-day National Political Convention, a follow-up to last October's Million Man March, will convene Sept. 27 to 29 at the America's Center TWA Dome in St. Louis, MO. The convention, which is organized by Million Man March Inc. and the National African-American Leadership Summit will address the issues impacting urban areas and the poor, say officials. For information call 202-726-5111.—ST. LOUIS, MO

ALI PROVIDES UPLIFTMENT FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was the guest of honor Aug. 21, at the "First Annual Muhammad Ali Community Service Award Dinner" in Chicago, held in honor of the Muhammad Ali Community and Economic Development Corporation (MACEDC). It's focused on employing and training low-income, public-housing residents in the building trades in a partnership with the Chicago Housing Authority.

—CHICAGO, IL

Congressman Payne to lead forums at CBC conference



Congressman Payne

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Donald Payne, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and representative of the Tenth Congressional District of New Jersey, will host two forums during the 26th Annual Legislative Conference.

On Thursday, September 12, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in room 22 of the Washington Convention Center, Payne will lead a forum focusing on seeking solutions to the disproportionate rates of literacy among young African Americans.

Entitled "Literacy: the Cornerstone of African-American Advancement," the forum will feature a diverse panel of participants with an interest in literacy.

Panelists include Kathryn Carter, reading specialist from the Orange Board of Education; Isaac Hayes, activist and entertainer; and the panel moderator, Debbi Lockhart, WRN, NBC-News 4 in Washington, DC.

Also invited are actress Kellie Shanyne Williams, of *Family Matters*; L.A. Laker Shaquille O'Neal; and Jacqueline Waddy-Lewis, reading specialist at Alice Deal Junior High School in Washington, DC.

Congressman Payne, who serves on the House Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, has been actively involved in national efforts to promote literacy. He helped to write the legislation that created the National Literacy Institute in Washington, DC.

On Friday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Room 27 of the Convention Center, the Congressman will chair a Foreign Affairs Braintrust entitled "Conflict Resolution in Africa."

Journalist Charlene Hunter Gault will moderate the panel.

Michael Brown, son of the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, is scheduled to deliver a tribute to his father and discuss the continuation of the Bosnia peace-keeping mission.

A keynote address will be delivered by UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. There will be three panels; serving on the first, "US/UN Intervention in Liberia," will be Ellen Sirleaf Johnson, director of the UN Development Program, Africa Bureau; Salih Booker, of the Council on Foreign Relations; and Ambassador Hank Cohen, former assistant secretary of State for Africa and currently a senior advisor at the Global

Coalition for Africa.

The second panel themed "Genocide in Rwanda/Burundi," will feature Allison DeForces, consultant to Human Rights Watch-Africa; Honorable Howard Wolpe, US special envoy, Burundi.

The third panel, "Trade and Human Rights in Nigeria," will include Percy Wilson, chairman, corporate council on Africa; and Chief Anthony Enhorio, Washington representative for the National Democratic Coalition.

Congressman Donald Payne serves on the International Relations Committee and its subcommittee on Africa.

NAFEO reorganizes to strengthen black colleges

WASHINGTON, DC—The Board of Directors of National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) ratified a new reorganization plan for the association at its Presidential Peer Seminar in July.

The 27-year-old association for blacks in higher education unveiled and approved an aggressive strategy and structure that will strengthen the organization; historical and predominantly black colleges and universities (HBCUs); and provide increased opportunities for blacks in higher education.

Under the plan NAFEO will perform the following acts:

- Take a lead role in educating the public about the educational issues faced by the black community. It will provide important information about educational issues college programs of study.

- Assume a lead role in influencing national priorities on issues that affect the education of blacks.

HBCU's and others of importance to the black population.

- Act as an advocate and advisor before the executive branch, Congress and individual departments in promoting the interests of HBCUs.

- Play a lead role in strengthening relationships between HBCUs and private sector organizations including business, industry, and foundations.

- Play an active role in monitoring judicial actions that have an impact on the education of blacks in general and on HBCUs in particular.

Also during the seminar, Dr. Harrison B. Wilson, President of Norfolk State University was formally installed as Chairman of the Board of Directors of NAFEO. Dr. Wilson has been president of Norfolk State University for more than 20 years and is involved in numerous activities of NAFEO.

The combined leadership of Dr. Ponder and Dr. Wilson is intent on carrying forth the agenda outlined by the Board of Directors. NAFEO serves as the umbrella organization of the 117 historically and predominantly Black colleges and universities in the United States and Virgin Islands.

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Kids Kalendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
PATERSON—The YWCA After School Program begins. For more info call 201-684-6408.

SEPTEMBER 10 THRU OCTOBER 8
COLTS NECK—"Tim Big Kid Now" for kids 3-10 years-old on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Outback Activity Center. For more info call 908-219-9484.

THRU SEPTEMBER 13
NEWARK—The City of Newark's Department of Health and Human Services is providing help through the second annual "School Bus Express Program" for parents and kids entering school for the first time. For more info, call 908-733-7600.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
COLTS NECK—"Mom or Pop and Tot Autumn Escapade" at Outback Activity Center from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

SEPTEMBER 16 THRU 30
ROSELLE—The Roselle Fire Public Library is hosting the Union County Teen Arts Writing Exhibit. For more info call 908-558-2550.

SEPTEMBER 17 THRU OCTOBER 8
COLTS NECK—"The Monmouth County Park System has scheduled 'Folk Tales and Fun' for kids 3 to 6 at Outback Activity Center from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

SEPTEMBER TO JUNE '97
WESTFIELD—4-H is starting a Pet Club for first and second graders. For more info call 908-654-9854.

THRU SEPTEMBER 15
NEWARK—The New Jersey Historical Society showcases "The Kid Bridge" exhibition at 230 Broadway. For more info call 201-483-3939.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

Become a 4-H Club member

WESTFIELD—Union County 4-H is looking for new members. Are you interested? If yes there are a number of exciting clubs to join. The clubs are open to county residents in grades 4 to 12 and are: Gourmet Goodies Cooking Club, Little Miracle Growers Gardening Club, All Varsity Hounds Dog Club, Mad Scientist Club and The Teen Council.

Clubs meet one to two times per month to do fun, hands-on activities. For more information please call Karen Cole, 4-H Program Associate, at 908-654-9854.

Parks, Young Summer Institutes wrap up the summer



Pictured above are some of the program participants.

YWCA extends after-school program hours

PLAINFIELD—The YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield has extended the hours of its after-school program to better meet the needs of parents in the Plainfield/North Plainfield area. The new hours are 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Youth, ages 6 to 12, participate in the program. They are picked up at 14 area schools and brought to the YWCA where they participate in activities designed to reinforce their school curriculum in a fun setting. Educational programs include assistance with homework and tutoring. Kids also participate in sports, arts and crafts, and active and quiet recreational activities.

For registration or other information, please contact Program Director Dale Lowry at 908-756-3836.

A sneaker that counts steps?



Pictured (l-r) are science students Laken Williams, Eliezer Arocho, both of Newark, instructor Richard Balsame, Kenneth Lee of Paramus, Jorge Santos, and Angel Rivera both of Newark.

NEWARK—There are sneakers that blink, sneakers you can pump-up, and even sneakers with designs that appear and disappear when temperature changes. What next? This summer, five high school students took on the challenge of creating a "smart sneaker" as part of a new summer Outreach Program at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

The four-week program involved a teacher from Science High School in Newark, and up to six students from Science High and other schools. This year's project challenged students to create a "smart sneaker" that would count each step taken and show the number of steps on a three-digit LED display.

"The program gives teachers and students a chance to do hands-on science experiments with real world applications that they wouldn't ordinarily have access to in the traditional classroom setting," stated NJIT physics professor Kenneth R. Farmer, who developed the Outreach Program.

After getting an overview of basic electronics, engineering and design principles, the students were given a pair of LA Lights sneakers to investigate the technology that made them blink.

"We wanted them to approach this project like a real team of engineers," said instructor Richard Balsame of Science H.S. They took

apart the sneakers, tested the circuits and applied what they found to create their own designs for a "smart sneaker." Then, they had to test their ideas, build the prototype and get it to work.

At first, the students were a bit skeptical about the project. "I thought building a sneaker that could count steps was strange, but after thinking about it, I realized this would be really practical, especially for people who run or jog because it can help calculate the distance they have gone," explained Jorge Santos, a junior at Science H.S.

"I didn't think we would be able to build this prototype," confessed classmate Angel Rivera, also a Science High junior. "But, after we did the circuits on the bread board everyone seemed more confident in what we could do and that we could actually build it."

Balsame was amazed with the students' progress. "Usually with something this complicated and with this amount of wiring there would be numerous mistakes, but their circuits worked the first time."

"The best part of this project was that we actually got it to work. It feels good because I know I had a hand in making something that I didn't think I could," said Laken Williams, a junior at Science H.S.

The program is funded as part of a four-year National Science Foundation grant awarded to Farmer.

**Knowledge is power!!
Don't stop learning**

Maxson festival continues with party

by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—Months after the Burger King/Maxson School Library Media Club Multi-Cultural Festival the special event continued to be shared with family, friends and community partners.

As a follow-up to the successful festival the two organizations hosted a Parents, Partners and Friends Video Screening Party on August 14, at Burger King on South Avenue. Organized by Art Bean, of Maxson School Media Center, and Audrey Melnick, marketing director of Burger King, the video screening party included remarks by business sponsors of the festival, performances, certificates, discounted meals and, of course the video.

Emceeding the event, Bean told the audience of approximately 60 that the importance of the festival was to "get and keep our children reading."

"The [Library Media Club's] idea was to sponsor the program (the festival) as an innovative way to promote reading and encourage the use of the school library," said Bean. Starting off the party Rachel Jasper performed a multi-cultural theme dance. "This dance deals with movements, segments and counts, representing the expressions of different struggles we go through every single day," said Jasper.

Following Jasper's performance Bean introduced the Juvelds, one of two read-a-thon/rap-a-thon winners. The rap songs of the Juvelds and



The Maxson video screening party was spiced up with a performance by the Juvelds' member Kirk Fleming on mic.

the other winner, Jason Castle, are being made into public service announcements on the importance of reading, and will be played on NJN radio, WERA, and Hot 97.

The Juvelds were followed by Justin Lashley, Rande Johnson, Aviel Pérez and Kirk Fleming. Business and community sponsors were introduced and thanked by the club members. This was followed by Felicia Eaton, of One Spirit Gospel group singing *Let There Be Peace On Earth*, and *Alleluia* singing *Good Morning Heavenly Father*. "Keep your chin up," Eaton told

the young people in the audience. "Keep your head in that book and keep the peace, because you, all of you, are somebody."

The evening concluded with certificates being presented to the students who participated in the festival, as well as to the community and business people who supported the event.

"This is just the beginning of wonderful things we have planned for the students," said Bean of the festival and party, as well as the broadcasting of the festival on Comcast Cable TV's public access channel 20.

Put a library card in that backpack

CHICAGO, IL—Kids have jammed their backpacks with what seems like a fortune in school supplies, yet some are missing the one thing that may help to ensure their success in school—a library card.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association's national librarians across the country remind parents and other concerned adults that the most important school supply of all is available free—at their local public library.

"Schools teach children to read, but libraries help children discover the excitement of reading and learning by providing a wealth of books, magazines, computers and other resources that most of us could never afford," says Mary R. Somerville, president of American Library Association and director of the Miami-Dade Public Library.

In addition to books and reference works, many libraries offer homework centers with librarians and computers to connect children to information resources around the world.

"Reading is still the most basic

survival skill in an information society." Somerville explained. "But it's no longer enough. Kids who aren't logged on and iterate will be lost in the 21st century."

Somerville offers these suggestions to give children a head start on learning at the library: Start reading to your child at birth. The child's brain development and pave the way for learning.

Take preschool children to storyhour, they teach the fun of reading and help children's verbal

development through stories, games and songs.

Explore the library's computers with your child. Make sure you supervise your children's computer use the same way you would their reading or television viewing.

Make reading and library visits a regular part of family life. Set aside a special time for sharing books.

Be a role model for your child. Let him or her see you reading and taking advantage of all the library has to offer.

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Kevin Vaughn (l), a senior at Trenton Central High School, works in the laboratory of Dr. Kathleen Browne (r), assistant professor of chemistry. Vaughn is participating in the ACS Project SEED program. Vaughn is helping Dr. Browne develop techniques to chemically monitor the geochemical changes of microbial mats (A dome community of microorganisms which coats hard surfaces or substrates on the seafloor). Browne brought back mat samples from the Bahamas and is keeping them alive in an aquarium. The two are monitoring the organisms in the mats daily to see if the community changes at all. The ACS program allows students to participate in scientific research at a college, university, government, or industry laboratory during the summer. An important feature of the Project SEED program is its emphasis on career development and its motivation of students to pursue higher education in the natural

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
GREENBROOK—The American Red Cross and New Jersey Blood Services will hold a blood drive at Greenbrook Rescue Squad from 3 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 908-756-6414.

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LIFESTYLES

Personal finance: money and the sexes

Impulse buying

Another study demonstrated that men and women are identical in percentage when it comes to impulse buying. Women tend to treat themselves and spend impulsively at a higher rate than men in the first years of their careers, while men are more impulsive later in life. Men are also more likely than women to boast about the amount of money spent on a car or house.

Taking financial risks

Many couples can see eye to eye on money matters until it comes to investing. Most of the time, men are more willing to take risks with money

Money worries may have a couple on edge, but chances are he'll get more sleep at night than she will. A recent consumer study found that women are more likely than men to carry an

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radiography, cancer. We are very

In addition, the center recently expanded its services to include ultra-

"Stereotactic breast biopsies are easier for the patient and less costly than surgical biopsies," says Jeannette Greer M.D., medical director of Mammography Services at the center. "Physicians can quickly obtain a definitive answer about a finding through a simple needle hole that leaves no

For more information about mammography services, call 908-668-2002.

UMDNJ health professionals will provide staff information booths and provide exhibits, hand-outs, advice and free medical screenings. Experts will be available to discuss nutrition, fitness

The other fair themed "Passport to Good Health," scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the front lawn of the Martland Building on 6th Bergen St. is sponsored by the UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions in honor of its 20th anniversary.

"Our goal is to make preventive health tips accessible to people of all ages in a manner that is both enter-

Representatives from the school programs in medical technology, respiratory care, nurse midwifery, physical assistant, dental hygiene and physical therapy will be on hand to discuss health concerns and preventive medicine. They will provide screenings for breast cancer, good posture and blood typing, among others. In case of rain, this fair will be held in the Martland Building. For more information, call Gladys Reed at 201-982-4821.

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- Are NOT under a physician's care for a prostate condition

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
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NEWARK—The Priority Restaurant presents "Bright Moments" with Yahya from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call 201-242-8012.

SEPTEMBER 9 THRU 22
JERSEY CITY—"Vision and Image: Rumors in the City," an exhibit of paintings by Latin American contemporary artists will be shown in Jersey City State College's Artspace. For more info call 201-200-3441.

SEPTEMBER 22 AND 29
NEWARK—The Priority Restaurant presents "Bright Moments" with Dino Calucan Trio from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call 201-242-8012.

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NEWARK—The Priority Restaurant presents Jazz Priorities in the Alrum featuring Taja 6 to 10 p.m. For more info call 201-242-8012.

THRU OCTOBER 30
NEW YORK—The Schomburg Legacy: Documenting the Black Experience for the 21st Century, will be exhibited at Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. For more info call 212-491-2265.

Coming attractions

The West

NEW YORK—Stories of Americans from all walks of life who built and shaped the West Coast are revealed in the PBS original program *The West*. The eight-part series is a "General Motors Mark of Excellence Presentation" and premieres on PBS nationwide on Sunday, September 15, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The series continues in the same time slot through Thursday, September 19, and resumes on Sunday, September 22, and concludes on Tuesday, September 24. One of the series' most fascinating stories is that of the "Exodusters"—the thousands of African Americans who—like the Old Testament Hebrews, left their harsh homeland in search of the "Promised Land."

"Fort too long, we celebrated a tiny-

white version of the West: sturdy pioneers fighting savage Native Americans," says Ken Burns, executive producer and creative consultant of the series. "The larger truth about the West is more complicated—and much more compelling."



Pictured above are scenes from different libraries in the west. 1. The Shores family were among the many black "Exodusters" who left the post-Civil War South to homestead the West. 2. Thousands of Chinese immigrants conspired the Central Pacific railroad, often under harrowing conditions. Photos are from a collection of Sandy E. Rhodes, 13th State Historical Society and National Black Historical Society.

The Isleys are on a mission to please

NEW YORK, NY—Popmusic legends the Isley Brothers, will be featured in two national television broadcasts during this month. On Thursday, September 5, the Isleys will appear on the FOX network's *New York Undercover* series and will perform on the second annual *Soul Train Lady of Soul Awards* on Monday, September 9.

The Isleys' *New York Undercover* appearance will feature the brothers' performance of their classic hit *Between the Sheets*. The episode, entitled *A Time of Faith*, will air 9 p.m. and will conclude a two-part series based on the recent rash of burnings of predominantly black churches

across the country. "A Time of Faith" will also guest star actor Keith David of the Tony Award-winning play *Seven Guitars*.

Four days after their *New York Undercover* appearance, the Isleys can be seen performing during the live broadcast of *Don Cornelius' Soul Train Lady of Soul Awards*.

The group will make its debut television performance of *Tears*, the forthcoming single from their chart-topping album *Mission to Please*. Co-hosted by Queen Latifah, Veronica Webb and Peabo Bryson, the show will begin at 8 p.m., live from the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.



Cooley High

NEW YORK—September is back-to-school and African Heritage Network is celebrating the occasion with the showing of *Cooley High*. A light-hearted coming-of-age drama, *Cooley High* follows the adventures of high school friends in '60s Southside Chicago. *Cooley High* will air on WABC on Thursday, September 5, at midnight.

Cooley High focuses on the lives of inseparable neighborhood friends Preach (Glynn Turman), the poet who dreams of becoming a Hollywood writer; Cleve (Lawrence Hilton Jacobs), a gifted high school basketball player who dreams of the riches of a professional career; and happy-go-lucky Poole (Cory Rogers), who's content to ride on their coat tails.

"So many of the deadly troubles we hear about in the nightly news begin in the not-so-innocent high school years," said Ossie Davis. Director Michael Schultz helps us understand by capturing the timeless nuances of being young and black in America.

Mixed with joking, fighting and bonding among the three friends is the faint realization that their lives will never again be so closely tied together. Each day foreshadows the end of a way of life.

Halle Berry is The Rich Man's Wife



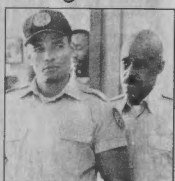
Josie Potenza (Halle Berry) (f) has it all: a fabulous home, a life of privilege, and Tony (Christopher McDonald), (c) her rich husband. However, everything changes in a flash, when Tony is brutally murdered and Josie is the prime suspect. In addition to this dilemma, Josie is being terrorized by a psychotic killer and becomes the victim of blackmail. With her world of wealth and security crashing down, Josie finds herself alone and vulnerable, and fighting for her very survival. Against her impossible odds, she must find the strength to turn the tables, and to maneuver through a labyrinth of dangers, from which at every turn, there seems to be no escape. *The Rich Man's Wife* opens at theatres on September 13.

Melvin and Mario star in SHOWTIME's Gang in Blue

NEW YORK—SHOWTIME original pictures presents *Gang in Blue*, a chilling police drama co-directed, co-produced and co-starring Mario Van Peebles and his father Melvin Van Peebles. Airing on Sunday, September 8, at 10 p.m. *Gang in Blue* recounts the battle between a well-organized white supremacist hate group within a police department and an outnumbered and outgunned cop.

Michael Rhodes (Mario Van Peebles) is a good cop who discovers racial hatred in his own police precinct, fueled by the venom spread by three fellow officers. Slowly, Rhodes begins to realize that hatred is only the beginning of their fight against minorities—murder and mayhem are not far behind. However, when he goes to his ex-girlfriend who is an FBI agent, she refuses to investigate.

Even Andre Speier (Melvin Van Peebles), his friend and mentor, tells him that reporting his fellow cops to



Mario (f) and Melvin Van Peebles

the FBI is dangerous business. In their hate rampage the group labeled "The Phantoms" target black suspects and police officers for unprecedented violence and brutality. Rhodes' only hope is an FBI mole within the Phantoms, ready to take them down.

Gang in Blue will also be aired on September 9, 19, and 25. Check local listings for time.

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Religious Calendar

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
OCEAN GROVE—Mickey Holiday of Clearwater, FL, will present a gospel concert at 8 p.m. at the Ocean Grove Boardwalk Pavilion. For more info call 908-775-0035.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
OCEAN GROVE—"The Soldiers of the Cross" at Bear, DE, will present a gospel concert at 8 p.m. at the Ocean Grove Boardwalk Pavilion. For more info call 908-775-0035.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
WESTFIELD—The Cavalry Tabernacle West Choir of Westfield will present the final gospel concert for the 1996 season in the Gospel Musical Ministry Series at 3 p.m. at the Ocean Grove Tabernacle. For more info call 908-775-0035.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
SUMMIT—"The Concord Singers begin their fall/winter season with rehearsals on Mondays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at John's Lutheran Church. For more info call 908-771-0978.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
HABBROUCK HEIGHTS—John Rogers presents Gospel In Song Benefit Concert at the Crown Plaza from 8 to 11 p.m. For more info call 201-373-1821 or 201-343-6343.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
NEWARK—"The First Mr. Zion Baptist Church will have a prayer breakfast at the Church at 8 a.m. as a prelude to their Annual Men and Women's Day. For more info call 201-242-4173.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
NEWARK—First Mt. Zion's Annual Men and Women's Day will continue at 11 a.m. with Sister Ann Franklin, the First Lady of First Baptist Church in Vauxhall as guest speaker.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
NEW BRUNSWICK—The NAACP Metuchen Area Branch cordially invites you to an Inspirational Outreach Concert at Nicholas Music Center at 7:20 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
BELLEVILLE—Paradise Baptist Church will hold their First Annual Pastor's Banquet honoring Rev. Jethro C. James, Jr. at Branch Brook Manor from 7 to 11 p.m. For more info call 908-824-9736.

Cross of Life programs focus on children

PLAINFIELD—The African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," is a guiding belief at Cross of Life Lutheran Church in Plainfield. Children and families are the major focus of congregational life as the church resumes its fall schedule, beginning on Sunday, September 8 with Rally Day, the first day of Sunday School.

Classes for all ages from three years old and up, including adults, will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sessions include lessons, games, videos and a snack before the worship service.

Young people seven years old through teen-age also are invited to the church's Youth Group, which meets on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 3:30 p.m. at the church. A variety of special events, including Youth Choir, will take place.

Plans are underway for a program for single parents, also.

The Sunday morning schedule also includes an 11 a.m. worship service, followed by a coffee hour. Holy Communion is offered on the first and last Sundays of the month.

The church currently is looking for a drummer who would like to share his or her musical gifts with the community. A Bible study class for adults is offered at 7:30 p.m. at the church, beginning on September 10.

For further information about events and worship services, please call Cross of Life Lutheran Church at 755-6788.

City News wants to hear from you. Send in your religious news, calendar events, church outings, gospel concerts, etc.

Rev. Bernice King to speak in Rahway

RAHWAY—Reverend Bernice King, will be the keynote speaker for an evening of elegance to kick-off the annual Women's Day services of the Second Baptist Church of Rahway. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at 6 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Downtown Rahway.

Entertainment will be provided by the Saint Paul Sounds of Praise Choir of Newark, with performances from their newly released CD *No The Same*.

As a nationally renowned orator Rev. King has inspired thousands of people with her addresses. At the age of 17, she realized her gift for public speaking when she spoke in her mother's behalf to the United Nations on Apartheid. The youngest child of the Late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Bernice King can be remembered as the five-year-old girl sitting on her mother's lap at Dr. King's funeral in an historical photo-



Rev. Bernice King graph.

As a child, she dreamed of becoming both a lawyer and a politician, but stated that she "heard God's call at age 17" to pursue the ministry. However, it wasn't until eight years later, on March 27, 1968, that she formally accepted "the call" by preaching her

trial sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church. She was ordained two years later in May of 1990.

Rev. King holds a BA in psychology from Spelman College, a Master of Divinity and a Doctorate of Law from Emory University and a Doctorate of Divinity from Wesley College. She is currently assistant pastor at Greater Rising Star Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA where she oversees the Youth and the Women's Ministry.

As a former law clerk in the Fulton County Juvenile Court System, she has experienced first hand, the growing number of teens that have become double victims—first of society—second of an ineffective legal system which operates on retribution rather than rehabilitation. As a result Rev. King has become an advocate for the rehabilitation of at-risk youth.

Tickets for the evening can be obtained by calling Ida Caldwell at 908-381-1050 or can be purchased at the Union County Arts center by calling 908-499-8226.

New Hope Baptist offers a 'new hope' for community

NEWARK—As New Hope Baptist Church prepares to commemorate its 93rd Anniversary with a week-long celebration ending with a Mortgage Burning ceremony, Pastor Charles E. Thomas will announce the inception of "Youth Enterprise," a program designed to train youth for entrepreneurship and the formation of a church-owned and operated Christian School.

"Once we present New Hope Baptist Church as a debt-free house into the Lord, we will be free to increase our community outreach efforts rather than focus our attention and resources on the infrastructure," Pastor Thomas stated.

New Hope's Youth Enterprise will work in partnership with the Chambers of Commerce in Newark and Essex County to provide area youth with intensive training, practical experience

and business ownership opportunities.

"Rather than feed our youth a fish dinner to satisfy their hunger, we will teach them to fish. This way they can feed themselves for life," Thomas explained.

New Hope owns and operates the New Hope Day Care Center located at 111-119 Sussex Avenue. In 1972, the church purchased the four-story brick building with 7,500 square feet on each floor to expand the Day Care Center that had been in operation in the church dining room.

Today, with much of the necessary renovation well underway, Pastor Thomas envisions opening the doors of The New Hope Christian school at 111-119 Sussex Avenue "as early as September, 1997." Initial enrollment plans call for 100 students to attend grades one through three.

Founded in 1903 in Newark, New Hope was rededicated in 1987 at 106 Sussex Avenue with seating for more than 1,200 after an extensive expansion and renovation.

Pastor Thomas served as the general contractor for the project, when he and other New Hope members enlarged the church edifice themselves. Many of the members involved in the renovation project received their training through the Minority Contractors and craftsmen Trade Association and the New Hope Skills Center. Both programs provided training in carpentry, masonry, and machinery and were administered by New Hope.

To commemorate the church's anniversary the celebration will begin on Sunday, September 8 with Pre-Founder's Day services and the mortgage burning on Sunday, September 15.

Anointed gets Under the Influence



Gospel recording group Anointed takes a quick studio break from recording Under the Influence, the group's latest project due in stores October 28. Pictured (l to r) are Judith Volo, executive director of A&R for Myrrh Records; Neo C. Walls, Anointed member; De'len Crawford, Greathouse, Anointed member; Loren Balman, executive vice president of World Records and Music; Steve Crawford, Anointed member; and Jim Chaffee, vice president and general manager Myrrh Records. Seated are producers Chris Harris (l) and Mark Keimermann.

Quote of the week

Knowledge of one's identity, one's self, community, nation, religion, and God, is the true meaning of resurrection, while ignorance of it signifies hell.

—Elijah Muhammad

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Enthusiasm comes through God

by Kirk Charles

ENTHUSIASM—To be inspired, possessed by God; intense or eager interest; zeal; fervor — Webster's New World Dictionary

Being enthusiastic is really a divine experience. The root of the word actually means "with God." Those times when you're starting a project or you envision an ensuing date, that feeling of enthusiasm can't be bought or sold. It's invaluable. To be enthusiastic is to "go with God." So, in essence, always be enthusiastic and you'll always go with God. Enthusiasm is also contagious. When you're going with God lots of people will jump on for the ride. The beauty of it is whether you're alone or with other enthusiasts, it is a divine experience.

I know what you're thinking. How do I maintain an enthusiastic disposition? Well, I must admit there is at least one obstacle you must hurdle to get to this promised land of "enthusiastic bliss." As adults, we have many responsibilities to handle and keep in constant focus.

Inherent in the process of maturation is actually the process of taking responsibility for the life and destiny of yourself and maybe even others; and, with these responsibilities, you're under the gun, under seemingly relentless pressure. If you're like me, you're constantly dodging a bullet, because you've taken on multifarious and multifarious tasks. This scenario has the potential to destroy enthusiasm.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, when you don't have responsibilities, especially kids, not even having domination over your own life, there is a lot less pressure; so your primary focus can be to enjoy life in all its dimensions. Think back to the time when you were a kid in school, you didn't have to think about bills, how to buy food, stay healthy, etc.

Your concept of money was how you could inveigle your parents out of 25 cents so you could run after the ice cream man as he drove along the street. What a pleasant reverie!! To a degree, we have to be of the mindset of those carefree days, when we weren't trying to conquer the world or for a lot of us, just trying to make ends meet.

The remedy for this situation is not to take on too much. Don't overload your back with your mortgage; don't try to take on the world, only to be discouraged when you realize the world is more powerful than you. Mother Theresa once said, "I know God won't give me anything I can't handle, I just wish he wouldn't trust me so much." You can handle anything you take on because responsibility creates a capacity to handle it; but, at what expense?

Will you teeter along the edge of bankruptcy? Will you find it difficult, if not impossible, to make time to devote to your health and welfare? Reality dictates you must assume degrees of responsibility, but do it in a methodical and utilitarian fashion. Take one step at a time and, in a steady, even pace. Go with God.

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Race for a cure to breast cancer



NEW YORK—In observance of September as Minority Health Month, Model Beverly Bond (c) and Montclair resident Fude McClean (r) join forces with an Ann Taylor sales associate to kick off activities leading up to the New York Race for the Cure, a 3.1 mile run/walk race to battle breast cancer. Thousands of women from the tri-state area will participate in the event on Sunday, September 8, in Central Park. Bond is featured in the Race poster. McClean, who is a Rutgers professor and a breast cancer survivor, is co-chair of the race. Call 212-293-CURE for race information. Photo by Michael Piccio

Sew your fall fashions at home

NORTH PLAINFIELD—On Sunday, September 8, representatives from the American Sewing Guild will be at North Plainfield's Fabric Land to celebrate National Sewing Month.

The afternoon promises to be filled with sewing-related activities. The event will be hosted by founding members of the Somerset/Union Chapter of the Sewing Guild, Vandara Robbins

and Lisa Shepard.

Activities include:

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The fun continues in New Jersey

TRENTON—The days may be getting shorter and the summer may be slipping away into September, but New Jersey action continues to heat up for the fall with a series of festivals, a hot lineup of classic cars on display and a handful of events celebrating the coming of autumn.

Enjoy the cool summer nights to the sound of the Ocean City Pops. Throughout the month of September the Music Pier comes alive with everything from Broadway show tunes and classical music to performances by the New Jersey Ballet. This cultural month is sure to have something for everyone.

Return to a time when a car had a sense of identity and automobiles were a thing of beauty. The **Boardwalk in Ocean City hosts Street Rod Weekend on September 7 and 8** with a display and parade of more than 500 hot rods.

Wheaton Village in Millville is the site of 'Vettes in Glassboro' on September 8. This is one of the largest car shows on the East Coast and is highlighted by Corvettes from as far back as their creation in 1953.

Wildwood's Third Annual Boardwalk Classic Car Show takes place September 19 through the 22. This show features an "American Graffiti" style car cruise and a Harvest Dance.

If you're in the mood for something a little bigger, a little louder and

a little wilder, then gear up for the **Thunder on the Beach Monster Truck Competition at the Wildwoods** September 27-30. Monster trucks, in the grand tradition of Bigfoot and Graveyarder, compete for prizes and offer rides to guests. Harley Davidson exhibits and Sand Drums make this event a monstrously popular affair.

Bid Summer farewell and ring in the Fall at **Pennington's Septemberfest on the 14th** with a parade, games, food, amusement rides, music, fireworks and more. The **Wildwoods host Super Sunday on September 15** with face painters, clowns, contests and games to mark the passing of the summer months.

In **Wildwood Crest on September 21**, join in the Seafarer's Celebration and enjoy crafts, food, entertainment and fireworks. Celebrating the last day of summer, pitch in and help clean up the beach at **Long Beach Island on September 21**. International Coastal Cleanup Day is sponsored by Alliance For a Living Ocean and starts with a noon rally at Bay View Park.

A mainstay of American tradition, the **Miss America Pageant** returns to Atlantic City for its 76th year. The Pageant Parade takes place on September 13, while the Pageant and crowning happen the following night.

The **Annual Wings 'n Water Festival** on September 21 and 22 at the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor

features retriever demonstrations, Back Bay cruises, Salt Marsh Safaris, bird and fish carvers and wildlife artists. Amateur and professional wildlife photographers will be on hand to exhibit their work in a juried show.

All this and more garnered the Festival a spot in the American Bus Association's "Top 100 Events in North America" and the title of Best Eco-Tourism Event in New Jersey by the Governor's Conference on Tourism.

For further information on these and other events held by New Jersey's cultural, historical, recreational and educational attractions, call the New Jersey Department of Commerce's Division of Travel and Tourism at 1-800-Jersey-7 for your free New Jersey Calendar of Events.

Seeking a Post-Baccalaureate degree?

MAHWAH—You've earned a bachelor's degree but now wish you had majored in pre-med, the sciences, accounting, management or any one of a number of other areas which would lead directly to graduate school or to a specific field of employment. Where do you go?

Ramapo College of New Jersey addresses the growing needs of returning adult students, those who have bachelor's degrees but now wish to prepare for a specific field or change careers. Known as the Post-Baccalaureate Program, it is designed for adults who are seeking graduate school admission, job advancement, or personal enrichment.

The program is set up to allow a student with a bachelor's degree to participate in priority registration and in the advancement process, without matriculating.

College graduates who may benefit from the program include those seeking to apply to professional schools in the health professions, such as medical, dental, veterinary, and chiropractic schools; those interested in pursuing a master's in business administration (MBA), or planning to become certified public accountants (CPA); and anyone who must obtain additional undergraduate requirements for professional advancement.

Assistance with the professional school application process is available.

To request a Post-Baccalaureate application form, or for more information on the program, contact the Admissions Office, 201-529-6451 or 6452.

NJ Nightline to the rescue

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Aima McLeod Foundation offers on-site aftercare

PLAINFIELD—Once again, the Aima McLeod Foundation is offering an On Site Aftercare Program in the elementary schools throughout Plainfield. The program will begin on Thursday, September 5.

Aftercare will be offered at F.W. Cook, Emerson, Evergreen, Woodland, Jefferson and Clinton schools.

The program runs from 2:30 to 6 p.m. every day of the school week. Homework is stressed, but snack will be provided in addition to arts and crafts activities.

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Teach kids to be smart snackers

NEW YORK (NAPS)—Whether at home, play, or school, snacking has become a very important ritual for children—not only for the fun, but for the nutrition as well. When it comes to snacks, consider that Americans spend more than \$12 billion a year on chips, popcorn, pretzels, and other snacks.

And, those who consume a lot of soft drinks and sugary snacks consume 18 percent less calcium than moderate snackers. According to the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council (ADADC), snacking is an important part of every child's diet and can be nutritious—providing the vitamins, minerals and energy children need to grow and stay healthy—without adding too much fat or sugar. The responsibility falls to adults to set an example for children.

"Snacks, if chosen wisely, can help provide the calories and nutrients—such as calcium and iron—which children need for growth, development and activity. Snacks one or two hours before a meal usually won't spoil the appetite," says ADADC Director of Nutrition Marketing, Ann Miller.

Studies have found that children who eat five or more meals and snacks a day are slightly thinner and have significantly lower cholesterol levels than those who eat just one or two meals a day.

With thousands of new dairy

products introduced into supermarkets each year, parents will welcome the many new kid-friendly snacks.

For instance, if a child doesn't like milk, they may be interested in flavored milk such as blueberry, bubble gum, moose, cooler, chocolate, peanut butter, and banana split.

Like-wise, plain old yogurt might not seem exciting, but fun flavors of yogurt like kiwi-strawberry, chocolate, or banana cream, complete with a packet of sprinkles or granola, might prompt your child to ask for it over and over again.

Other innovations that make healthy snacking easier include string cheeses, flavored puddings, fruit-flavored yogurt drinks and frozen yogurts.

Chocolate milk is a good snack choice, especially for children who might otherwise avoid milk in their diet. Like the milk it is made from, chocolate milk is an excellent source of protein, calcium and riboflavin.

Active children easily burn up the extra calories in chocolate milk (about 60 additional calories per 8-ounce cup) during normal play. Other delicious milk group foods like

pudding, milkshakes, ice cream and frozen yogurt are also nutritious. Like chocolate milk, they supply calcium, riboflavin and protein.

Try these delicious, nutritious snack ideas and recipes that combine healthy items from all of the food groups:

NUTRITIOUS SNACK IDEAS:
Cereal with milk and fruit
Cheese and crackers
Vegetable sticks (carrots, celery) with yogurt or dip
Try these delicious, nutritious snack ideas and recipes that combine healthy items from all of the food groups:
Bagels with cream cheese
Chocolatemilk
Leftover pizza
Popcorn
Peanut butter & crackers
Yogurt
Homemade pudding
String cheese
Milk and cookies (graham and animal crackers)

SNACKS FOR BUSY KIDS: SUPER-CHARGED SNACK
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup frozen chocolate yogurt
2 tablespoons peanut butter
1/2 banana
Cut banana in chunks. Combine milk, frozen yogurt and peanut butter in blender jar. Blend until smooth. Add the banana. Blend again. Serve immediately.

YUMMY, NUTTY, FRUITY YOGURT PARFAIT
fruit-flavored yogurt
cold cereal
chopped nuts
sliced bananas, strawberries or favorite fruit

Put a spoonful of yogurt in a bowl or parfait glass. Cover the yogurt with a layer of your favorite cereal. Next, add a layer of chopped nuts then add some sliced fruit. Repeat the layers until ingredients are used up.



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SPORTS

Dreaming of a Division 1 career?

by Dennis Wilson

Scholastic student-athletes of the Class of 1997, who are including NCAA Division I and II colleges and universities in their college selection process, should take time now to research the requirements of gaining admission and being eligible to compete in your sport when you matriculate as a freshman.

To qualify to practice, play and receive athletic grants, the prospective student-athlete must first graduate from high school, and register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. The student must have a GPA of 2.000 or higher in 13 core academic courses.

These include at least three years of English, two years of mathematics, two years of natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course, if offered by the high school), two years of additional course in English, mathematics or natural or

physical science, two years of social science, and two years of additional academic courses in any of the aforementioned areas or foreign language, computer science, philosophy or non-doctrinal religion courses. The record of these courses as well as course grades must be certified on the official high school transcript.

Finally the student should achieve a 17 on the ACT test or an 820 on the SAT.

A partial qualifier can get regular need-based financial aid but can not receive athletically related financial aid, practice or play during the freshman year and will get only three years of varsity eligibility. A partial qualifier must meet the Division I requirement of graduating from high school and having a cumulative GPA of 2.000 or higher.

A prospective student-athlete who graduates from high school but does not meet the GPA standard of

2.000 or the SAT requirement of 820, cannot practice or play during the freshman year and is permitted only three years of eligibility during the college career.

If recruited, there is no athletic scholarship for regular need-based financial aid as a freshman. If not recruited, one can get regular-based aid only if the school certifies that admission and aid were not granted based on athletic ability.

The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, with which all prospective Division I or II student-athletes must register, is subsidized by the NCAA and provides certification of eligibility information on individual prospective student-athletes to NCAA institutions.

Prior to April 1995, the minimum NCAA requirement for the SAT was a combined math and verbal score of 700. The new SAT standard of 820 was made necessary because of a new scoring system in use by the Educa-

tional Testing Service (ETS).

Student-athletes do not have to answer any more questions right in order to obtain an 820, as the standard to be reached to be eligible remains the same. The only thing that has changed is the number that ETS assigns to a particular performance on its test.

Initial Eligibility Index		
CORE GPA	SAT	ACT
2.500 & above	700	17
2.475	710	18
2.450	720	18
2.425	730	18
2.400	740	18
2.375	750	18
2.350	760	19
2.325	770	19
2.300	780	19
2.275	790	19
2.250	800	19
2.175	810	20
2.200	820	20
2.175	830	20
2.150	840	20
2.125	850	20
2.100	860	21
2.075	870	21
2.050	880	21
2.025	890	21
2.000	900	21

Ashe's legacy lives on

The annual Arthur Ashe Day was recently held at the National Tennis Center in Flushing, Queens. Master of Ceremonies, Bill Cosby entertained the crowd with his verbal skills and physical antics. The Pro celebrity event held every year raises money for inner city tennis camps and programs that are a part of Ashe's legacy. Professional tennis greats such as Maliv Washington, Zina Garrison, Andre Agassi and John McEnroe were participants.

Ashe's widow, Jeanne chats with a fan during the event.



Above Sportscenter and former footballer Ahmad Rasheed signs autographs for some very eager fans. (b) Paired with tennis legend Billie Jean King, (not shown) Cosby displays his tennis skills against opponents Monica Seles and former New York Mayor David Dinkins (facing Cosby).

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And the winners are!!

NEWARK—The City of Newark's Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs recently sent a delegation of young people to join a host of athletes competing in basketball, swimming and other sports—all going for the gold!

For those suffering from post-Olympic withdrawal, it has to be the Atlanta Games, right? No, the event was the 1996 Summer Youth Games Invitational held in Birmingham, Alabama. Division officials recently announced the Youth Games results.

In the bowling competition, Blair Bailey brought home the gold medal. Overall, the boys' team finished third with three bronze medals (Jason Payne, Ronnie Mills and Carl Carpenter), officials noted. The girls' team finished fourth.

Other results are as follows: In tennis, the girls' team (Rebecca Goldberg, Kaylin Moore, Emilia Gussom and Jeddah Forde) came in third with four bronze medals, and the boys' team finished fourth. In volleyball,

the co-ed team (Sandy Alvarado, Patricia Grant, Richard Massillon, Juan Mendez, Carlos Alvarado, Olanke Alvarado, Mayra Ortiz, Calvin Davis, Christopher Feliciano and Ruben Ramirez) took third place. In swimming, Michele DeFreese took third place in the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter freestyle, and Jennifer Yerovi finished third in the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter freestyle. In addition, the girls' basketball team finished fourth and the boys' team came in sixth, the organizers noted.

Don't miss the Safe Passage Tennis Tournament

NEWARK—The Safe Passage Foundation (SPF) Tennis Program of Newark, founded by the late tennis legend Arthur Ashe, will present its 1996 "Summer Inter-Park Competition & Adidas Scholastic Awards Ceremony" Saturday, September 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Newark's Ivy Hill Park (located at Mt. Vernon Place and

Just One begins fall Soccer League

NEWARK—Now that the summer is almost over, parents and children are looking for other outlets of recreation. Well, "Just One" Neighborhood Program is providing worthwhile recreation through its Soccer League.

The program, is kicking off its fall season with the first game of the new season, Orientation/Family Day on Saturday, September 28 at 10 a.m. The festivities will be held on the soccer fields of Newark's Weequahic Park. Children in grades K through 8 are eligible to participate and registration

forms will be available at schools from September 4 through 13. Project organizers are also looking for 30 additional coaches. All candidates must complete an 18-hour certification course and receive their "F" license from the New Jersey Soccer Association before being allowed to coach.

The course is set for September 14 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Ridge Street School. For additional information on the league call the Just One official 201-733-4498.

Manor Avenue)

Free and open to the public, the bi-annual event showcases 96 youth in the SPF program who have achieved an "A" or "B" academic average over the last two grading cycles. Children in grades K through 8 are eligible to participate in the program, Mayor

Shirley James said. "I proudly salute all the winners."

Howard Bryant, SPF city coordinator, said the program is designed to give tennis instruction to youngsters while providing a "safe passage" for the youths into productive adult lives. For details, please call the SPF office 201-733-5440.



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ACTING STATE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

THE NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS OPEN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1996

WELCOME STUDENTS AND STAFF TO THE 1996-97 SCHOOL YEAR

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS

8:30 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.

REGISTRATION

Parents registering students into school for the first time must show the child's:

- Birth Certificate (child must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 1996)
- Immunization documents
- Parents'/Guardians' proof of residency (i.e. current utility bill)
- Students transferring in from another district or from one Newark school to another must provide a copy of their transfer records.

For additional information on school registration and immunization requirements, contact your neighborhood school.

IMMUNIZATION

- Immunization records must include specific dates for a minimum of four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine. One of the four doses must have been administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.
- In addition, the child's records should include information on vaccination for rubella, mumps and a minimum of three doses of oral polio vaccine. One of the three doses must have been administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.
- Records must also show dates for measles vaccinations. Students entering kindergarten must show dates for two measles vaccinations. Transfer students who were born before January, 1990 must show at least one.

Free immunization is available at the Division of Community Health, 110 William Street, Newark, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

School attendance is required by state and municipal law. Students absent from school for more than 18 days during the school year without a medical notice will not be promoted to the next grade.

SECONDARY SCHOOL HOURS

8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

TESTING DATES

District Standardized Test
April 21 - 25, 1997

Grade 11 HSPT

Fall Exam

October 8, 1996 - Reading
October 9, 1996 - Math
October 10, 1996 - Writing

Make-up Exam

October 15, 16, 17, 1996

Spring Exam

April 8, 1997 - Reading

April 9, 1997 - Math

April 10, 1997 - Writing

Spring Make-up Exam

April 15, 16, 17, 1997

Grade 8 EWT (Early Warning Test)

Spring Exam

March 11, 12, 13, 1997

Make-up Exam

March 18, 19, 20, 1997



The Newark Public Schools

1996-97 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	2	LABOR DAY
	3	ORIENTATION - 10 MONTH EMPLOYEES
	4 - 6	SCHOOL ORGANIZATION/TRAINING
	9	SCHOOLS OPEN FOR STUDENTS (MONDAY)
OCTOBER	14	COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVANCE
NOVEMBER	5	ELECTION DAY
	11	VETERANS DAY
	12	PUERTO RICO RECOGNITION DAY
	13	ADMINISTRATIVE DAY
	14 & 15	TEACHERS' CONVENTION
	28	THANKSGIVING DAY
	29	ADMINISTRATIVE DAY
DECEMBER	23 - 31	WINTER RECESS

1997

JANUARY	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	20	DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE
FEBRUARY	12	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
	17	PRESIDENTS' DAY
MARCH	28	GOOD FRIDAY
	31	SPRING RECESS BEGINS
APRIL	1-4	SPRING RECESS
MAY	26	MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE	26	STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1:00 P.M. (THURSDAY)
	27	TEACHERS DISMISSED 1:00 P.M. (FRIDAY)

WHENEVER IT IS NECESSARY TO ORDER SCHOOLS CLOSED OR TO DELAY THE OPENING DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS OR OTHER EMERGENCIES WHICH MAY DEVELOP DURING THE NIGHT, ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SUCH CLOSURES OR DELAYS IN OPENING SHALL BE MADE OVER THE RADIO STATIONS LISTED BELOW BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND 9:00 A.M.

WOR - 710 AM
WNS - 1010 AM
NJ - 101.5 FM
WADO - 1280 AM
(SPANISH LANGUAGE STATION)

WCBS - 880 AM
WBLS - 107.5 FM
KISS - 98.7 FM